The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

1   1. (currently amended) A communication system including:
2   a communication network;
3   a plurality of terminal devices connectable to said communication
4   network for transmitting from a sender and receiving by a user an information
5   item through said communication network;
6   wherein said communication system includes a table which provides at
7   least one retrieval condition and for each said retrieval condition at least one
8   corresponding <u>display method identifying</u> ~~identifier for~~ an image or sound file
9   to be displayed, so as to enable said terminal devices of said user to detect in
10   said information item from said sender said at least one retrieval condition and
11   if the retrieval condition is detected in said information item by said user's
12   terminal device to display said information item with said at least one
13   corresponding identified image or sound file, the corresponding image or
14   sound file being distinct from said information item,
15   a display, at a terminal device at a receiving user of said information
16   item, of said image or sound file when said receiving terminal device detects
17   said corresponding identifier in said information item,
18   means for obtaining necessary data from said table for said display of
19   said image or sound file, if said table includes said necessary data, and
20   means for obtaining said necessary data for said display of said image
21   or sound file, if said table does not include said necessary data, said table
22   instead including designating data which designates said necessary data.

1   2. (previously presented)   The communication system as claimed in claim 1,
2   wherein each retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1   3. (previously presented)   The communication system as claimed in claim 2,
2   wherein each said key object comprises at least one object selected from the
3   group consisting of key words and key marks.

1   4-5. (canceled)

1   6. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
2   table is editable.

1   7. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
2   table is transferable through said communication network.

1   8. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1,
2   wherein said information item comprises an e-mail.

1   9. (original)   The communication system as claimed in claim 8, wherein said
2   e-mail has at least an attached file.

1   10. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
2   table is stored in a memory of said terminal device.

1   11. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
2   table is open on a server computer on said communication network, so as to
3   enable said terminal device to download said table from said server.

1   12. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1,
2   wherein each of said terminal devices includes:
3   a first function block for performing said retrieval under said retrieval
4   condition with reference to said table; and
5   a second function block for displaying said information item with said
6   at least one corresponding identified image or sound file.

1   13. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in
2   claim 12, wherein each of said terminal devices further includes:
3   a third function block for transmitting and receiving said table through
4   said communication network.

1   14. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1,
2   wherein each of said terminal devices includes:
3   a processing unit; and
4   a memory accessible by said processing unit, and said memory storing
5   a computer program comprising:
6   means for performing said retrieval under said at least one retrieval
7   condition with reference to said table; and
8   means for displaying on said display said information item with said at
9   least one corresponding identified image or sound file.

1   15. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in
2   claim 14, wherein said computer program further comprises means for
3   transmitting and receiving said table through said communication network.

1   16. (currently amended) A terminal device connectable to a communication
2   network, said terminal device comprising:

3   a processing unit;

4   a communication unit electrically coupled to said processing unit for

5   transmitting and receiving an information item;

6   a display unit electrically coupled to said processing unit for

7   displaying said information item;

8   an operation unit electrically coupled to said processing unit for

9   operating said terminal device;

10   a memory unit electrically coupled to said processing unit for storing a

11   table which provides at least one retrieval condition and for each said retrieval

12   condition at least one corresponding <u>display method identifying an</u> ~~identified~~

13   image or sound file, so as to enable a said terminal device of a user to detect

14   in an information item transmitted from a said terminal device of a sender said

15   at least one retrieval condition and if the retrieval condition is detected to

16   display said information item with said at least one corresponding identified

17   image or sound file, the corresponding image or sound file being distinct from

18   said information item,

19   a display, on said display unit, of said image or sound file when said

20   receiving terminal device detects said corresponding identifier in said

21   information item,

22   means for obtaining necessary data from said table for said display of

23   said image or sound file, if said table includes said necessary data, and

24   means for obtaining said necessary data for said display of said image

25   or sound file, if said table does not include said necessary data, said table

26   instead including designating data which designates said necessary data.

1   17. (previously presented)   The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,

2   wherein each retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1   18. (previously presented)   The terminal device as claimed in claim 17,

2   wherein each said key object comprise at least one object selected from the

3   group consisting of key words and key marks.

1   19-20. (canceled)

1   21. (original) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16, wherein said table

2   is editable.

1   22. (original) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16, wherein said table

2   is transferable from said communication unit through said communication

3   network.

1   23. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,

2   wherein said information item comprises an e-mail.

1   24. (original)   The terminal device as claimed in claim 23, wherein said

2   e-mail has at least an attached file.

1   25. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,

2   wherein said terminal device includes:

3   a first function block for performing said retrieval under said at least

4   one retrieval condition with reference to said table; and

5   a second function block for displaying said information item with said

6   at least one corresponding identified image or sound file.

1   26. (original) The terminal device as claimed in claim 25, wherein said

2   terminal device further includes:

3   a third function block for transmitting and receiving said table through

4   said communication network.

1   27. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,

2   wherein said memory stores a computer program comprising:

3   means for performing said retrieval under said at least one retrieval

4   condition with reference to said table; and

5   means for displaying said information item with said at least one

6   corresponding identified image or sound file.

1   28. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 27,

2   wherein said computer program further comprises means for transmitting and

3   receiving said table through said communication network.

1   29. (currently amended) A terminal device connectable to a communication

2   network, said terminal device including

3   means for detecting in an information item a retrieval condition, said

4   information item and said retrieval condition having been transmitted over

5   said communication network by a said terminal device of a sender to a said

6   terminal device of a user;

7   a display unit for displaying said information item with at least one

8   image or sound file identified as corresponding to each said detected retrieval

9   condition, the image or sound file being distinct from said information item,

10   a table which identifies said retrieval condition and each said

11   identified image or sound file corresponding to said retrieval condition,

12   a display, on said display unit, of said <u>identified</u> image or sound file

13   when said detecting means detects said corresponding ~~identifier~~ <u>retrieval</u>

14   <u>condition</u> in said information item,

15   means for obtaining necessary data from said table for said display of

16   said at least one <u>identified</u> image or sound file, if said table includes said

17   necessary data, and

18   means for obtaining said necessary data for display of said at least one

19   <u>identified</u> image or sound file, if said table does not include said necessary

20   data, said table instead including designating data which designates said

21   necessary data.

1   30. (canceled)

1   31. (previously presented)   The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,

2   wherein each retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1   32-33. (canceled)

1   34. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,

2   wherein said table is editable.

1   35. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,

2   wherein said table is transferable from a communication unit through said

3   communication network.

1   36. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,

2   wherein said information item comprises an e-mail.

1   37. (original)   The terminal device as claimed in claim 36, wherein said

2   e-mail has at least an attached file.

1   38. (currently amended) A method of displaying information, comprising the

2   steps of:

3   detecting in an information item a retrieval condition, said retrieval

4   condition having been inserted in said information item by a sender and said

5   information item having been transmitted over a communication network by

6   said sender to a user;

7   displaying said information item with at least one <u>display method</u>

8   <u>identifying an</u> image or sound file <s>identified</s> as corresponding to said detected

9   retrieval condition, the image or sound file being distinct from said

10   information item,

11   wherein said retrieval condition and each said <u>display method</u>

12   <u>identifying an</u> <s>identified</s> image or sound file corresponding to said retrieval

13   condition is recorded in a table and said detecting is performed with reference

14   to each of one or more retrieval conditions in said table, said displaying being

15   performed for each detected retrieval condition,

16   obtaining necessary data from said table for said displaying said

17   <u>identified</u> image or sound file with said information item, if said table includes

18   said necessary data, and

19   obtaining said necessary data for said displaying said <u>identified</u> image

20   or sound file with said information item, if said table does not include said

21   necessary data, said table instead including designating data which designates

22   said necessary data,

23   wherein said sender and said user are each capable of executing said

24   method.

1   39. (canceled)

1   40. (previously presented)   The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein each
2   retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1   41. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 40, wherein each
2   said key object comprises at least one object selected from the group
3   consisting of key words and key marks.

1   42. (canceled)

1   43. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, further
2   comprising the step of: reading out said necessary data in accordance with
3   said designating data before displaying said information item, if said table
4   does not include said necessary data.

1   44. (canceled)

1   45. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein said
2   information item comprises an e-mail.

1   46. (previously presented)   The method as claimed in claim 45, wherein said
2   e-mail has at least an attached file.

1   47. (currently amended) A computer implemented system for displaying
2   information, said computer system <u>having software modules stored thereon</u>
3   <u>and having a processor operable to execute the software modules, the software</u>
4   <u>modules</u> comprising:
5   first computer code for detecting in an information item a retrieval
6   condition, said retrieval condition having been inserted in said information

7   item by a sender and said information item having been transmitted over a

8   communication network by said sender to a user; and

9   second computer code for displaying said information item with at

10   least one display method identifying an image or sound file ~~identified~~ as

11   corresponding to said detected retrieval condition, the image or sound file

12   being distinct from said information item,

13   wherein said retrieval condition and each said display method

14   identifying an ~~identified~~ image or sound file corresponding to said retrieval

15   condition is recorded in a table and said detecting is performed with reference

16   to each of one or more retrieval conditions in said table, said displaying being

17   performed for each detected retrieval condition, said sender and said user each

18   being capable of executing said method,

19   a terminal device for display of said image or sound file when said

20   second computer code detects said corresponding identifier in said

21   information item,

22   third computer code for obtaining necessary data from said table for

23   display on said terminal device of said image or sound file, if said table

24   includes said necessary data, and

25   fourth computer code for obtaining said necessary data for display on

26   said terminal device of said image or sound file, if said table does not include

27   said necessary data, said table instead including designating data which

28   designates said necessary data.

1   48. (canceled)

1   49. (previously presented)   The computer program as claimed in claim 47,

2   wherein each retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1   50. (previously presented) The computer program as claimed in claim 49,
2   wherein each said key object comprises at least one object selected from the
3   group consisting of key words and key marks.

1   51. (canceled)

1   52. (previously presented)   The computer program as claimed in claim 47,
2   further comprising means for reading out said necessary data in accordance
3   with said designating data before displaying said information item, if said
4   table does not include said necessary data.

1   53. (canceled)

1   54. (previously presented) The computer program as claimed in claim 47,
2   wherein said information item comprises an e-mail.

1   55. (previously presented)   The computer program as claimed in claim 54,
2   wherein said e-mail has at least an attached file.